

land to the several railroads of this State and all other acts or parts of acts granting lands or reserves of lands to railroads are hereby repealed." Laid on the table by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Beasley, Branch, Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Darden, Durant, Guinn, Harcourt, Jordan, Lea, Moore, Parsons, Scarborough, Selman, Shelley, and Shepard—[18].

NAYS—Messrs. Boyd, Burnett, Casey, Dickson, Mitchell, Obenchain, Weatherford, and Wheeler—8.

Mr. Weatherford offered the following amendment: "that before the Texas Central Railroad can avail themselves of the benefit of this Act they shall restore all such stockholders who lost their stock by reason of a sale of said road, provided that said stockholders shall pay ten per cent on the 1st day of January, 1864, into the Treasury of said company."

Mr. Cook moved to lay the amendment on the table. The yeas and nays stood thus:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Branch, Cook, Crawford of Jasper, Durant, Erath, Guinn, Harcourt, Houston, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Scarborough, and Shepard—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Beasley, Boyd, Burnett, Casey, Crawford of Fannin, Darden, Dickson, Moore, Obenchain, Parsons, Selman, Shelley, Weatherford, and Wheeler—14.

The President voted nay, whereupon the Senate adjourned until 9½ o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Tuesday, December 24, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Casey, Chairman of Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill for relief of Thomas Eanes and recommended its reference to Committee on Claims and Accounts, which was done.

Mr. Durant offered the following resolution: "Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be and are hereby instructed to inquire into and report to this body upon the propriety and expediency of so sustaining the issues offered it, heretofore made, and which may hereafter be made under and by authority of the law of the State, as to make it a penal offense for any citizen of the State within the jurisdiction of the same to buy or sell such issues of credit for any sum less than their face value, and further that

the same committee be instructed to make the Confederate Treasury notes receivable for taxes and all public liabilities of the State." Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Casey, Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Durant, Guinn, Harcourt, Houston, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Parsons, Scarborough, Shelley, and Wheeler—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Beasley, Boyd, Branch, Burnett, Crawford of Jasper, Darden, Dickson, Erath, Graham, Hartley, Selman, Shepard, and Weatherford—13.

Mr. Mitchell introduced a bill for relief of Robert R. Scott. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Hartley, Chairman of Committee on State Affairs, reported the following bills and recommended their passage:

Bill to prohibit stallions and jacks from running at large in Dallas, Lamar, and Bowie Counties.

Bill to authorize the County Court of Montague County to have the records of the District Court transcribed.

Mr. Crawford, Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed a bill for relief of the East Texas Railroad Company.

A bill to incorporate the Pulaski Bridge Company. Read 2nd time and ordered to a third reading. Rule suspended and read 3rd time and passed on call of yeas and nays unanimously.

Mr. Erath was added to Finance Committee.

Mr. Dickson offered the following: "**Resolved**, That the President appoint a committee of three to be styled the Committee on Retrenchment and that the House of Representatives be requested to appoint a similar committee to act in conjunction with said committee." Adopted.

Mr. Shelley was added to Committee on Finance.

A message was received from the House announcing the passage of the following bills:

Bill regulating the fees for swimming cattle at ferries.

Joint resolution providing for auditing the claims of Captain Sansom's company of volunteers.

Bill to require the financial agent of the penitentiary to settle his accounts quarterly.

Bill for relief of James B. Palmer.

Bill supplemental to and amendatory of an Act to provide for the appointment of patrols and to prescribe their duties and powers.

Bill (Senate) to amend 1st and 5th sections of an Act incorporating the East Fork Bridge Company.

A bill for relief of railroads. Read 2nd time. Mr. Weatherford withdrew his amendment.

Mr. Lea offered the following amendments, which were adopted: at end of 11th line, 1st section, insert "work with its incidental privileges." At top of 2nd page, strike out remainder of section and insert "or privileges than those of works to be performed with their incidental privileges which are to be secured from loss as aforesaid."

Mr. Crawford offered the following amendment: "that the time of the continuance of the present war shall not be computed against any internal improvement company in reckoning the period allowed them in their charter by any law general or special for completion of any work contracted by them to do." Adopted.

Mr. Weatherford then offered his amendment which was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Boyd, Burnett, Casey, Crawford of Fannin, Dickson, Graham, Mitchell, Obenchain, Selman, Shelley, Weatherford, and Wheeler—12.

NAYS—Messrs. Batte, Beasley, Branch, Cook, Durant, Erath, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Jordan, Lea, Parsons, Reed, Scarborough, and Shepard—15.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Beasley, Boyd, Burnett, Casey, Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Darden, Durant, Guinn, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Parsons, Reed, Scarborough, Shelley, and Shepard—18.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyd, Dickson, Erath, Graham, Hartley, Obenchain, Weatherford, and Wheeler—8.

The rule was then suspended, and bill passed by the same vote.

Mr. Crawford reported the following bill correctly engrossed: bill making an appropriation to pay commissioners sent by the Convention to certain Indian tribes.

Mr. Burnett, Chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following bills correctly enrolled, properly signed, and reported to the Governor:

Bill for relief of heirs of James McCown, assignee of George W. Jones.

Bill to amend the charter of Waco Classical School.

A bill to provide for auditing all claims against the State on account of volunteers called out by the Governor and Committee of Safety. Read 2nd time.

Mr. Dickson moved to strike out "\$500,000" and insert "\$300,000." Adopted. The amendments of committee were then adopted.

Mr. Guinn offered the following amendment: "provided no troops shall be paid under the provisions of this Act until they are mustered into the service of the State."

The bill was then made special order for 11 o'clock A. M. Tuesday.

A bill for the relief of railroad companies. Read 2nd time. Mr. Parsons offered the following amendment: "provided that this Act shall not be so construed as to conflict with or in any manner alter or change the provisions of an Act for the relief of the Memphis, El Paso and Pacific Railroad Company, and all other railroad companies, passed March 20, 1861." Adopted.

Mr. Burnett moved to strike out "two years" and insert "one year." Lost.

Mr. Durant offered the following amendment: "provided that no land certificates shall issue under this section until the interest on the bonds due the school fund be paid or secured in the terms of the Act for the relief of railroads." Laid on the table.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Crawford of Jasper from Committee on Agriculture reported a bill to incorporate the Dallas County Agricultural and Mechanical Association and recommended its passage.

Mr. Boyd from a Committee of Conference reported a substitute for a bill to protect the wool growing interests of the State of Texas.

Mr. Shepard presented the memorial of the heirs of William H. and Henry Nimrod which was referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. on Thursday 26th instant.

Thursday, December 26, 1861

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of Tuesday was read and adopted.

The following message was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Austin, December 16, 1861

Gentlemen of the Senate:

It becomes my painful task to convey to you the sad